

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-13, 15-28 are presented for consideration by the Examiner. Independent claims 1, 11, 17, and 20 have been amended in response to the rejections and remarks in the Office Action mailed March 26, 2004. No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments. Claims 4, 7 and 14 have been canceled. Every ground of rejection has been addressed in this response.

I. REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 AND 103 ARE TREATED

Regarding the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, applicant's counsel has carefully studied the reasoning for the rejection provided in the Office Action, together with the prior art references relied upon. Applicant respectfully submits in good faith that certain aspects of the invention are unanticipated, nonobvious and allowable with the amendments to the independent claims. Additional limitations have been incorporated into the independent claims, without prejudice to any future submission of the original claims in another application, which are believed to render said claims allowable.

Regarding claims 1, 11, 17, and 20, they have been amended to define the limitation of a space or first portion facilitating the removal, replacement, support, and positioning of a document. The space or first portion is formed in the upper portion of the

permit holder by a difference in length between the first planar wall and second planar wall. When this limitation is combined with the other limitations already present in claims 1, 11, 17, and 20, the result is a combination of elements which is not taught or suggested in the prior art references of record. The limitations added to claims 1, 11, 17, and 20 are supported in the disclosure, inter alia, on page 12, line 8, and are therefore not new matter.

The primary reference McKee is limited to parallel plates (col. 1, line 36) biased against each other (col. 1, line 39), connected only at their lower ends (col. 1, line 40), and a suspension means in the form of a hook (col. 1, line 44). The only other feature is a finger notch facilitating document extraction (col. 1, line 49). This reference clearly teaches away from the invention now defined in amended claims 1, 11, 17, and 20 since the mere disclosure of two plates as the only means for placement and a finger notch as a member facilitating extraction fails to suggest that a space or first portion could be effective or even operative for facilitating removal, replacement, support, and positioning of the contents of the device document. Further, the front and rear plates disclosed in McKee are not of different lengths in the upwards direction as is claimed in the present application.

Dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8-10 depend from claim 1 or a claim depending from claim 1, and are therefore believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given in support of claim 1. Applicant further requests separate consideration by the Office of these dependent claims on their own merits, since some or all of said dependent claims are believed to be allowable regardless of whether their base independent claim is allowable.

Dependent claims 12, 13, 15, and 16 depend from claim 11 or a claim depending from claim 11, and are therefore believed to be allowable for the reasons given in support of claim 11. Applicant further requests separate consideration by the Office of these dependent claims on their own merits, since some or all of said dependent claims are believed to be allowable regardless of whether their base independent claim is allowable.

Dependent claims 18 and 19 depend from claim 17 or a claim depending from claim 17, and are therefore believed to be allowable for the reasons given in support of claim 17. Applicant further requests separate consideration by the Office of these dependent claims on their own merits, since some or all of said dependent claims are believed to be allowable regardless of whether their base independent claim is allowable.

Dependent claims 21-28 depend from claim 20 or a claim depending from claim 20, and are therefore believed to be allowable for the reasons given in support of claim 20. Applicant

further requests separate consideration by the Office of these dependent claims on their own merits, since some or all of said dependent claims are believed to be allowable regardless of whether their base independent claim is allowable.

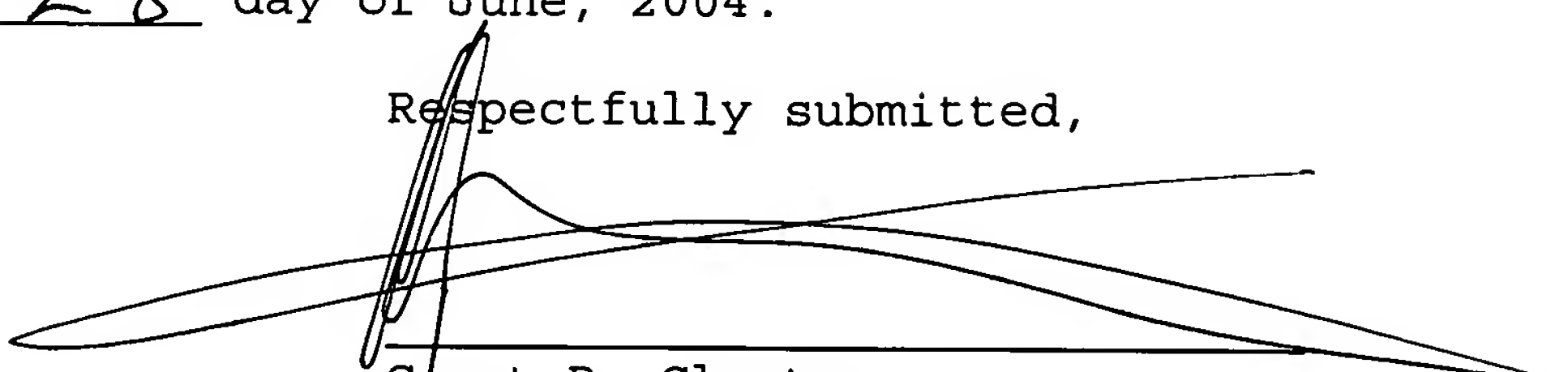
II. CONCLUSION AND AUTHORIZATION OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

In view of the foregoing, applicant believe that the claims are all allowable and the same is respectfully requested. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, and such impediment could be alleviated during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to initiate the same.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

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